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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: T. Prasthofer

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Art Unit: 1627

REQUIREMENT

In re application of:

Raillard et al.

Application No.: 09/502,283

Filed: February 11, 2000

For:

High Throughput Mass Spectrometry

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 2, 2001, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following remarks. An extension of time request is submitted herewith.

REMARKS

First, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Prasthofer for his helpful discussion and explanations of August 31, 2001. Per the discussion Applicants will not be electing a species for Group IIA.

As an initial matter, Applicants expressly reserve the right to traverse any restriction requirement made in any and all future divisional or continuation applications that may be filed.